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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

In a PERFECT world we would be setting at your desk telling you exactly how we feel. BUT—

We are writing you today to express our opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. We feel that this debate has gone on long enough and that punishing Microsoft for being successful is a horrible crime.

This litigation is just a ploy to get money out of Microsoft. Rather than working hard for it themselves, competing companies are using this litigation for their own personal self-gain. We hate leeches. We are anxious to see Microsoft allowed to move forward and move on from this costly litigation. The settlement that was reached in November is complete and thorough and will accomplish a closure to this debate. Microsoft has agreed to carry out all provisions included in this agreement, such as: disclosing more information about certain internal interfaces in Windows and being monitored by a technical oversight committee created by the government for compliance.

This settlement and subsequently ending this litigation will serve in the best public interest and will benefit all of us. We urge you to support this settlement. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ralph Bossert and Helen A. Pasztor

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